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Nominations Open for Two Prestigious Awards to Be Presented at Road Race Management Race Directors' Meeting

August 29, 2022 — One of the highlights of the annual [Road Race Management Race Directors' Meeting and Trade Exhibit](#) taking place in Hollywood, FL December 8 – 10, is the presentation of two of the running industry's most prestigious awards – the MarathonFoto/Road Race Management Race Director of the Year Award presented by MyLaps, and the MarathonFoto/Road Race Management Lifetime Achievement Award. **Nominations for these two awards remain open through October 18, 2022.** Past recipients of the Race Director of the Year award since 1987 include luminaries such as New York City Marathon Director Fred Lebow, now-retiring Marine Corps Marathon director Rick Nealis, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Director Carey Pinkowski, and Flying Pig Marathon Director Iris Simpson Bush. A complete list of past winners appears [Past Recipients of the Race Director of the Year Award](#). Past recipients of the Race Director of the Year award since 1987 include luminaries such as New York City Marathon Director Fred Lebow, now-retiring Marine Corps Marathon director Rick Nealis, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Director Carey Pinkowski, and Flying Pig

Marathon Director Iris Simpson Bush. A complete list of past winners appears [here](#). The Lifetime Achievement award recognizes true “sport changers” with many years of service in the industry. Past winners include Creigh Kelley, Don Kardong, Dave McGillivray, Ted Corbitt, Jacqueline Hansen, and Julia Emmons. A complete list of past winners appears [here](#).

Road Race Management Editor and Publisher Phil Stewart said, “Announcing the winners of these two awards is always one of the highlights at the country’s oldest race directors’ meeting. It is the perfect complement to the three days of outstanding sessions and fun-filled networking opportunities for directors of events of all sizes.”

All of the sessions and faculty members for the country’s oldest race directors’ meeting have been finalized and include:

- Race Mistakes Hall of Fame (Sean Ryan)
- Event Anatomy – Brooklyn Marathon and Half Marathon (Steve Lastoe)
- Innovative Ideas for Under \$1,000 (Dave McGillivray)
- Building, Revitalizing and Restructuring Boards (Iris Simpson Bush)
- Creating and Utilizing Event Evaluation Surveys (Laurel Park)
- Technical Solutions That Can Improve a Race Directors’ Life (Ryan Morris)

In addition, Doug Thurston, the former director of the Big Sur International Marathon, will be the keynote speaker. His 40 years in the sport, including directing the 1992 Men’s Olympic Trials Marathon and publishing a regional running magazine, have given him a unique vantage point to assess how our sport has evolved. He will discuss how he knew it was the right time to step down after nine years at the helm at Big Sur, as well as look back on some high and low points of his career, explain how he dealt with adversity, and discuss his strategy for guiding and improving events. He will also talk about current challenges (inflation, supply chain, etc.) that events and their leadership face today.

The full program and schedule for the meeting are available at www.rrm.com.